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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

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EMBASSY REQUESTED DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT TOLBERT: QUOTE: DEAR
MR. PRESIDENT: I WAS ENCOURAGED TO LEARN FROM YOUR
LETTER OF JANUARY 6 THAT WE SHARE SIMILAR VIEWS ON
ANGOLA AND I SHOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE OUR EXCHANGE
ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT SUBJECT.
LIBERIA'S VIGOROUS AND EFFECTIVE EFFORTS ON BEHALF
OF COMMON SENSE AND REASON AT THE RECENT ORGANIZATION
OF AFRICAN UNITY MEETING ARE TRULY APPRECIATED, AS IS
YOUR CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.
IT IS MY FIRM BELIEF THAT ADVOCATES OF MODERATION
MUST REMAIN UNITED AND MUST CONTINUE TO RESIST
PRESSURE FROM THOSE FORCES FAVORING AN MPLA GOVERNMENT
IN ANGOLA. YOUR STEADFASTNESS AT A TIME WHEN OTHERS
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ARE SHOWING SIGNS OF DESPAIR IS AN INSPIRATION TO ALL

OF US WHO BELIEVE THE FUTURE OF ANGOLA SHOULD BE
DETERMINED BY COOPERATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION.
TO ACT OTHERWISE COULD MEAN THAT NOT ONLY ANGOLA, BUT
OTHER AFRICAN NATIONS AS WELL, WOULD BE SUBJECT TO
THE THREAT OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION. CONFIDENTIAL
I WAS MOST INTERESTED TO LEARN OF YOUR RECENT MISSION TO
KAMPALA. THE THOUGHTS YOU EXPRESSED ON YOUR RETURN
SEEMED PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE TO US. I FEEL STRONGLY
AS YOU DO, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT MEN OF REASON MUST SPEAK
OUT LOUDLY IN THIS DIFFICULT TIME IN AN EFFORT TO END
THE TRAGEDY IN ANGOLA. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD.
UNQUOTE.

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